have been considered by Government and if so, by when these planes are likely to be purchased; and

(b) what expenditure is involved and to what extent it is likely to reduce the passengers rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign exchange earnings from tourism

3996. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism is regarded as major foreign exchange earner in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the amount of foreign exchange earned during 1986-87 and 1987-88 under this head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 are estimated by the Ministry as Rs. 1780 crores and Rs. 1890 crores respectively.

Losses at Paradip Port

3997. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'Amrit Bazar Patrika' of 6th July, 1988, under the caption "Staggering losses of ParadipPort;

(b) if so what are the reasons for the losses; and

(c) what action Government have taken to meet the losses incurred in Paradip Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paradip Port Trust generated operating surpluses during the last three years. However, there was net deficit mainly on account of interest payable on Government Loans.

(c) Proposals to grant moratorium on payment of capital and ways and means loans and on payment of interest and to waive penal interest on defaulted debts are under consideration.

Ban on 30 combinations of drugs

3998. DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Technical Advisory Body and Dr. N. A. Patel Committee sought a ban on 30 combination drugs as reported in Business Standard of the 12th July, 1988 if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereof;

(b) whether the formal ban orders, as for E.P. drugs, are under issue; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that all the ban orders are implemented strictly and effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It is not a fact that Drug Technical Advisory Board and Dr. M. A. Patel Committee sought a ban on 30 combination drugs. Dr. M. A. Patel is the Chairman of the sub-committee constituted by the Drugs Consultative Committee to examine formulations marketed in the country from the angle of efficacy, rationality and safety.

The recommendations of the sub-committee were placed at the meeting of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board held at New Delhi on 22nd April 1988. The Board had agreed to the recommendations of the